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Dear Mark:

Enclosed is a copy of the first Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, dated December 14, 2004, and relating to the above-identified patent application.

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Of course, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003 and April 5, 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the original application and the Preliminary Amendment dated April 5, 2004. The amended specifications have been entered. Claims 1-22 are pending with claims 1, 21, 22 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. **Claims 12-14, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.**

Claims 12, 13, 14 and 19 should be dependent on claims 11, 11, 10, and 18 respectively to have proper antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims Rejections. 35 U.S.C. 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldhaber, US 5855008, hereinafter Goldhaber in view of Day, US 6484146, hereinafter Day.**

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Goldhaber discloses:

A consumer driven system (i.e. consumer owns the profiles : col 14 l. 56-60; col 6 l. 28-35; consumer shares these profiles as desired: col 8 l. 40-57), via trading houses (see col 19-20) , for the benefit of both consumers and advertisers (col 4 l. 25-31).

The benefit to consumers is to receive competing content/ads customized to their needs/preferences. To advertisers, use of consumer profiles allow reaching more willing customers whose attention has been secured w/ relevant customized ads/offers.

GOLDHABER further discloses actual purchase histories (or proofs of purchases, hereinafter, "POP's") are known to be valuable for advertisers: to this end advertisers have used point of sale tracking (see GOLDHABER ., col 6 l. 28-35), and GOLDHABER .'s invention includes on-line POP's (col 6 l. 50-65; col 13-20; col 7 l. 31-32).

GOLDHABER discloses user voluntary submission of profiles in exchange of a benefit from plural competing independent providers(col 8 l. 1-18; receipt of targeted information, specialized targeted ads (col 6 l. 28-35; col 8 l. 22-40), payments for viewing ads); complementing the profile by allowing tracking of on-line behavior including on-line transactions (POP's) (col 6 l. 50-65; col 13-20; col 7 l. 31-32) and tracking of other habits (col 6 l. 50-65) ; interactive user editing/ deletion of transaction records from the profile (col 6 l. 50-65); protection of privacy (col 7 l. 62-67; col 14 l. 137 -39); interacting with presented ads (col. 16 l. 17-20) ; rating of presented ads (col. 13 l. 50-51); matching of consumers to advertisers criteria (col 14 l. 30-46); consumer profiles stored at their PC or in another database of the on-line system (col 14 l. 47-54); only information matched above certain threshold set by the consumer is delivered (col 14 l. 56-62); coupons and discount offers to induce buying (col 3 l. 30-45); internet advantages (col 3 l. 48-55); credit histories as commodities (col 20 l. 38-55).

Summary of Day:

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Day discloses presenting specialized benefits based on actual purchasing behavior information (abstract). Day teaches the desirability of knowing who buys from competitors so to provide competitive offers (col. 1 l. 50-55; col.2 l. 13-15; col. 2 l. 12+). Day also discloses the desirability of using actual purchasing records, other than at the electronic point of sales, in order to achieve that relevant targeting goal (col. 1 l. 60-col.2 l. 2).

Thus as to claims 1, 6-7 GOLDHABER discloses

A computer-implemented advertising method, and program comprising:
storing a first data set relating to the purchases of a buyer entity in a storage (col 6 l. 50-65; col 13-20; col 7 l. 31-32;col 6 l. 50-65);
receiving profile-management-information from the buyer entity(col 6 l. 50-65; col 13-20; col 7 l. 31-32) ;
identifying a second data set based on the first data set and based on the profile-management-information (col 14 l. 30-46).

GOLDHABER does not specifically disclose but Day does discloses

calculating at least one score based on information in the second data set (see at least col. 4 line 18-3: "targeted parameter" is a score) ;

distributing preferential incentive offers to said buyer entity, based on the score (see at least col. 4 line 18-31)

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to add Day ads matching method based on scores to GOLDHABER's ad targeting method to improve this latter with further implementation details.

As to claims 2-4, and 8, GOLDHABER discloses

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wherein said profile-management-information is deletion-information (see at least col. 6 lines 50-65), and wherein the second data set (e.g. allowed data) is identified by separating third data (e.g. non-allowed data) from the first data set based on the deletion-information;

wherein said profile-management-information contains enhancement permissions, and wherein the second data set is identified by augmenting the first data set based on fourth data from a third party information source (see at least col. 6 lines 50-65, col. 20 line 38-55: credit histories);

wherein a group of multiple incentive offers are stored in a database, information relating to at least one web site visit(see at least col. 6 lines 50-65), is used to select at least one incentive offer from said group, and said at least one incentive offer is displayed to the buyer entity;

and wherein the buyer entity disqualifies some of its purchase records from being used for calculating said score (see at least col. 6 lines 50-65).

As to claim 5 , Official Notice is taken that incentives given conditioned on the use of certain credit cards are well-known to promote the use of such cards. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to add a credit card use condition to the incentives method of GOLDHABER/DAY for the above-mentioned advantage.

As to claim 9-10 , GOLDHABER does not specifically disclose but Day discloses receiving additional data associated with the buyer entity; associated with previous incentive responses by said buyer entity;

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automatically updating the at least one score associated with the buyer entity, based on the additional data; and

changing at least one aspect of the incentives based on the at least one updated score

(see at least col. 4 lines 18-31, "targeting parameter" is interpreted as a calculated score based on data received indirectly from the buyer based on the quantity of goods bought, per categories, which is interpreted as "purchase records").

Thus it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to Add DAY's more detailed updated incentives method to GOLDHABER targeted incentive offering method to effect such incentives updating as at least suggested by GOLDHABER (interactive user editing/ deletion of transaction records from the profile: at col 6 l. 50-65).

As to claims 11-17, Day discloses

performing a process, including:

determining a function (see at least col. 4 lines 18-31, use of "targeting parameters" to derive an incentive implies use of an certain incentive function or relationship to link the parameter to the incentive) and a budget limit (see at least col. 14 lines 52-56, col. 6 lines 57-60: "maximum limit") of one of the incentives based in part on advertiser information received from an advertiser (see at least col. 4 line 18-31; col. 14 line 52-56; col. 6 line 57-60)

receiving newly-submitted purchase records of a plurality of the buyer entities

(see at least col. 7 line 66- col. 8 line 37)

determining a group of the buyer entities newly qualified to receive the incentives based on the function, budget limit, and newly-

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submitted purchase records (see at least col. 4 line 18-31; col. 14 line 52-56; col. 6 line 57-60)

for each buyer entity in a subgroup comprising at least one buyer entity of the group of buyer entities, individually calculating an amount for at least one of the incentives by applying the at least one score to the function (see at least col. 4 line 18-31; col. 14 line 52-56; col. 6 line 57-60: Day's disclosure of monitoring of redemption of offers and modifying the offers based on the new data is interpreted as the earlier score (based e.g. on category) is being updated so that offers may be modified based on the new data.),

automatically distributing the at least one of the incentives to the buyer entity, and automatically repeating the process until the budget limit for the advertiser is met (see at least col. 14 lines 52-56, col. 6 lines 57-60: "maximum limit").

Thus it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to add DAY's updated incentives methods based on new records as applied to existing/new consumers, as above-discussed, to GOLDHABER's incentive offering method to make this latter's incentive matching system more comprehensive.

As to claims 18-19, both GOLDHABER and Day disclose providing an interface to provide access for a plurality of the advertisers to a database of database information related to the buyer entities, the interface receiving queries and providing the database information in response to the queries, such that decisions are capable of being made regarding the incentive: based on the database information (see at least Day, abstract, Fig. 5 and associated text).

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As to claim 20, GOLDBER discloses a different personalized web site is displayed to each of a plurality of the buyer entities, and individually ranks a plurality of the incentives based at least in part on an amount of the incentives (see at least Figs. 4 and 11 and associated text).

Claims 21-22 are combinations of claims 1, 8-9, 4, and 11-17. Each limitation is rejected as above discussed. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to combine all the above elements to make a more comprehensive system.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

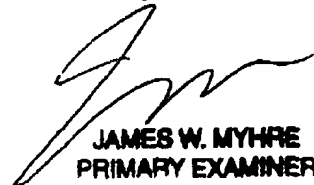
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